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SUBJECT: MARINE SECURITY GUARDS: PROTECTIVE SECURITY
TEAM FOR ASMARA

REF: (A) ASMARA 0109 (B) ADDIS ABABA 1124
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1. REF B REQUESTED "UNEQUIVOCAL REPLY" FROM DEPARTMENT ON
QUESTIONS RAISED BY ETHIOPIA REGARDING CIVIL LIABILITY OF
MARINE GUARDS FOR ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH PROPOSED
BODYGUARD DUTIES. DEPARTMENT INTERPRETS EMBASSY'S REQUEST
AS ONE FOR AN ABSOLUTE ASSURANCE THAT USG WILL SERVE AS
GUARANTOR IN THE EVENT THAT MSG ACTIONS RESULT IN INJURY TO
INNOCENT THIRD PARTIES.

2. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT INFORMATION PROVIDED REF C IS
AS CATEGORICAL AS POSSIBLE UNDER EXISTING CIRCUMSTANCES.
DEPARTMENT PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED INFORMATION ON OFFICIAL
STATUS OF MARINE SECURITY GUARDS, I.E., WHETHER OR NOT THEY
ARE CONSIDERED BY ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT TO BE MEMBERS OF
ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL STAFF OF U.S. DIPLOMATIC
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MISSION. (THIS STATUS AFFECTS LIABILITY OF MSG'S UNDER

INTERNATIONAL LAW.) THAT INFORMATION HAS NOT BEEN FORTH-
COMING.

3. DEPARTMENT FURTHER BELIEVES THAT INFORMATION PROVIDED
PARA 2 REF C IS ADEQUATE AS AN ASSURANCE TO THE GOVERNMENT
OF ETHIOPIA THAT, FOR MOST PRACTICAL PURPOSES, THERE IS A
REMEDY UNDER U.S. LAW FOR THIRD PARTIES WHO ARE INJURED
AS A RESULT OF ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT BY MARINE GUARDS.
NO FURTHER UNEQUIVOCAL ASSURANCE CAN BE PROVIDED ITHOUT
EXCEEDING THE LIMITS OF EXISTING U.S. LAW. FURTHER REVIEW
WOULD THEREFORE BE TO NO AVAIL. INGERSOLL

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